



Library donation in Taiwan



Library section in University on Kinmen Island, Taiwan

Book Donations from Columbus to University Libraries Around the World



How you can get involved:

- I always need help loading the container – It is usually on Saturday and I don't know until Friday afternoon if the container will arrive and if the weather is appropriate for loading. Also a strong back since a box of books is heavy
- Books that will fit in a university library are always welcome
- Xerox style boxes are always in demand
- Let your friends know about the project
- Food and beverages are also needed for volunteers
- Fork lift is also needed for loading

To get involved, contact:

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Purpose

The purpose of this project is to send books to international Ohio State alumni for their university libraries. This ongoing initiative has been in existence for approximately 40 years.

Initially shipments went by mail (braille and large print books still do) but now other shipments go by 20 or 40 foot containers containing approximately 36,000 to 72,000 books (30 to 60 tons) which are shipped twice a year.

Impact

To date 1,610 shipments of books have been sent to 394 locations. For example, 11 container loads have been shipped to different universities in the Philippines. The estimated value of books, based on their last sales price, is in excess of \$866 million.

Honorary University degrees from Poland, Philippines and University of Kentucky. Lifetime membership of the alumni association in the university in Philippines. Libraries named after the project in the Philippines, Taiwan, Atlanta and another in pipeline. Member of three international Rotary Clubs. Three awards from Solid Waste organizations for keeping books out of landfills.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

OSU Libraries including Regional Campuses
 A variety of departments

Community Partners Involved

Half Price Books
 Ohio Libraries
 Retired Professors
 Community members
 Ohio State students
 Ohio State faculty



Forklift used for loading books



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